Southern Turf growing hybrid grasses in Spain

Southern Turf Nurseries has established a farm near Malaga, Spain, where hybrid Tifway 419 and Tifgreen 328 are being produced to standards of greens-quality certified grass.

The farm's opening in Spain is a response to the expanding golf course market worldwide and the exportation of American golf course architect expertise. Those factors have created a demand worldwide for high-quality hybrid Bermuda grasses, especially in tropical and sub-tropical regions of Europe and Asia, the company says.

The newly organized firm will be called Southern Turf Nurseries/Spain and, according to Southern Turf President Tim Bowyer, it is the first international production facility of an American-based turfgrass producing company. Larry and David Cooper will run the operation in Spain. They intend to import live plants and use specially designed machinery from the United States to the site in Spain.

Olathe names Hamilton region director

Bud Hamilton has been appointed Western territory manager for Olathe Manufacturing Inc., in industrial Airport, Kan.

A veteran of the turf industry, Hamilton previously worked with Champion Turf Equipment and the Simpson-Norton Corp. in commercial equipment sales.

The University of Kansas graduate resides in Phoenix, Ariz.